School-Lavves.

OR,

QUI MIHI

IN

ENGLISH.

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Train up a child in the way he should goe, and when he is old, he will not depart from it, Prov. 22.6.



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WHO ſo my Scholer do'ſt deſire to be,
Obſerve theſe Laws, and I do welcome thee.
Thou ſhalt get up betimes, ſoft ſleep forſake,
Humble thy ſelf, and daily prayer make.
Thy hands muſt waſhed be, alſo thy face,
Thy garments trim, and head comb'd in firſt place.
Thou muſt not truant, when our School doth call;
Abſence in health, knows no excuſe at all.
Greet me thy Maſter, as thou paſſeſt by,
And all thy fellow-ſtudents orderly.
Sit where I bid thee, and not thence depart,
Till I remove thee for thy juſt deſert:
For as thou learneſt, ſo muſt be thy place,
Thy good deſert ſhall never want due grace.
Pen, ink, and paper, books of each degree,

See theſe thy weapons in due poſture be:
What I thee dictate, thou ſhalt fairly write.
Thou ſhalt not blur, nor blot that I indite.
To papers looſe and torn do not commit
Thy exerciſes, which for books are fit.
Conn'ore thy leſſon once and once agen.
Ask when thou doubt'ſt now theſe, now other men.
Who doubts, and asketh oft, pleaſeth me beſt,
The moſt conceited ſure conceiveth leaſt.
Endeavour now my child, mark what I ſay,
So ſhall it be thine own another day.
Attend, I ſay, for what will 't me avail,
To teach thee oft, if thou to learn ſhalt fail?
Thou muſt not count that hard, in time ſhall be,
As now thy paines, ſo thy great dignity.
The earth yields not increaſe of flow'r or grain,
Vnleſs manured well by painfull ſwain:
So without exerciſe thy time is loſt,
Thy wit decaies, and all thy hopes are croſst.
Now leſt thy twatling ſhould my pat'ence wrong,
I give thee rules and precepts for thy tongue.
Do'ſt get thy leſſ'n, let not thy voice be ſtout.
Do'ſt it rehearſe to me, then ſpeak thou out:
And when thou ſay'it, be ſure th' haſt conn'd it well
'Tis very good without book to excell:
Let none thee prompt, for that comick faſh'on,
Hath harmed much the learned nation.
If ought I ask thee, anſwer in ſuch ſort,
I may approve it well, and praiſe thee for't.
Thy tongue muſt not be glibb, nor yet too ſlow,

I mean moſt vert'ous is, as all do know:
And when thou ſpeak'ſt, ſee thou ſpeak'ſt properly.
Both uncouth words and phraſe ſhun warily.
Moreover if thy fellowes ought thee ask,
Inſtruct them right, and help me in my task.
Who ſo does others teach, unlearn'd though he,
In time not long ſhall better learned be.
Beware of ſmatt'rers, follow not their race,
The Romane language who do much diſgrace:
Of whom there's none ſo foppiſh or ſo ball'd,
That of the ſimple is not Maſter call'd.
If thou the Grammer rules would'ſt rightly know,
And in the ſame moſt elegantly flow;
Addict thy ſelf to thoſe both grave and old,
Whom gowned men do claſſick Authours hold.
Now take thy Virgil, Terence now deſire;
Above all be ſure, thy Tullie thee inſpire.
Theſe who reject, do nothing elſe but dreame,
And in much darkneſs ſtrive againſt the ſtream.
There are ſome boies, do walk in no good way,
But trifle out their time both night and day.
There are, that joy to ſmite with foot and hand,
And any way to vex in fear not ſtand.
One brags his birth, and boaſts his progenie,
And twitteth thoſe are not of high degree:
But thou, my child, take heed thou do'ſt not ſo,
Leſt thou thereby do'ſt purchaſe mickle wo.
Thou ſhalt not chop and change, nor buy, nor ſell,
To gain by others loſs is not ſo well.
The root of evill ('tis monie ſo I deem;)

Let be; money a child doth ill beseem.
Hooting, wrangling, scoffes, lies, and ribaldrie,
Let me not hear, nor any fighting see.
In no wise utter that is vild or wrong,
For weal and wo dependeth on the tongue.
Tremble to curse, or sweare, Oh, do not swear:
Why should'st thou him blaspheme, thou ought'st r
vere?
Lastly keep safe thy books, and ev'ry thing,
And as thou go'st and com'st, them with thee bring
Shun all occasion, that may work thee shame,
Chiefely for which I must thee also blame.

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